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The attached chart of priorities assigned by the military components to NIS topical units, world wide, shows 86% of these units as a requirement which, if not satisfied, would seriously affect accomplishment of assigned missions. The remainder were termed not essential but desired, except for only a fraction of one per cent indicated as not required by the military establishment. The NIS Committee and the producing agencies are utilizing this statement of topical requirement in conjunction with the Tab B area priorities in selective forward scheduling of the combinations of topics and areas which will achieve an optimum NIS coverage with producing agency capabilities.

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The attached new Joint Chiefs list assigns high priority for Fiscal Years 1962 through 1964 to approximately 70% of NIS world areas. The new high priorities include 17 African and 20 Latin American areas. A principal change from the previous JCS priorities has been the inclusion in the high priority items of some 20 Latin American areas which formerly were in the low priority group. The NIS Committee and the producing agencies are now in the process of revising, as rapidly as permitted by realignment of staff capabilities and work in progress, forward NIS production scheduling to reflect these changes in priorities.

Production of NIS is presently at a rate of some 15% below the total of approximately 525 units required for 8 equivalent NIS per year. Of the production scheduled for FY 1961 approximately 40% is initial NIS coverage and 60% is maintenance of previously published units.

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